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Sir:

In response to the written restriction requirement dated August 7, 2002, in the aboveidentified patent application, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of Group I(a), claims 1-10 (a method of treating by administering an active agent).

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Applicants also invite the Examiner to call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any of this response, or if the Examiner believes a telephonic interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

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